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Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/1996/15 of 11 January 1996, S/1996/15/Add.4 of 9 February 1996, S/1996/15/Add.8 of 8 March 1996, S/1996/15/Add.14 of 19 April 1996, S/1996/15/Add.18 of 17 May 1996 and S/1996/15/Add.32 of 23 August 1996.

During the week ending 28 September 1996, the Security Council took action on the following items:

The situation in the occupied Arab territories (see S/11935/Add.18, S/11935/Add.19, S/11935/Add.20, S/11935/Add.21, S/11935/Add.44, S/11935/Add.45, S/13033/Add.9, S/13033/Add.10, S/13033/Add.11, S/13033/Add.28, S/13737/Add.7, S/13737/Add.8, S/13737/Add.18, S/13737/Add.20, S/13737/Add.22, S/13737/Add.50, S/14326/Add.50, S/14840/Add.1, S/14840/Add.2, S/14840/Add.3, S/14840/Add.4, S/14840/Add.12, S/14840/Add.13, S/14840/Add.15, S/14840/Add.16, S/14840/Add.45, S/15560/Add.6, S/15560/Add.7, S/15560/Add.20, S/15560/Add.30, S/15560/Add.31, S/16880/Add.36, S/17725/Add.3, S/17725/Add.4, S/17725/Add.48, S/17725/Add.49, S/18570/Add.49, S/18570/Add.50, S/18570/Add.51, S/19420/Add.1, S/19420/Add.2, S/19420/Add.4, S/19420/Add.5, S/19420/Add.13, S/19420/Add.15, S/20370/Add.5, S/20370/Add.6, S/20370/Add.22, S/20370/Add.26, S/20370/Add.34, S/20370/Add.44, S/21100/Add.10, S/21100/Add.12, S/21100/Add.17, S/21100/Add.20, S/21100/Add.39, S/21100/Add.40, S/21100/Add.42, S/21100/Add.44, S/21100/Add.45, S/21100/Add.48, S/21100/Add.49, S/21100/Add.50, S/22110, S/22110/Add.12, S/22110/Add.20, S/23370/Add.1, S/23370/Add.13, S/23370/Add.50, S/1994/20/Add.8, S/1994/20/Add.10, S/1995/40/Add.8, S/1995/40/Add.18, S/1995/40/Add.19 and S/1996/15/Add.15)

By a letter dated 26 September 1996 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/790), the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month

of September 1996, conveyed the Group's position with regard to the action taken by the Israeli Government in opening an entrance to the tunnel extending under the Western Wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem and the shooting by Israeli Army forces of civilian Palestinian demonstrators protesting against that action. On behalf of the Arab Group at the United Nations, he officially requested the Security Council to convene an immediate meeting of the Council "to address that extremely serious situation".

By a letter dated 26 September 1996 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/792), the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations referred to the aforementioned letter from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/790) and, in view of the gravity and urgency of the situation, supported the request forwarded in that letter and called for the immediate convening of the Security Council to consider that alarming situation.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3698th meeting, held on 27 and 28 September 1996, in response to the above requests. There were two suspensions and two resumptions of the meeting.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the same meeting, the President drew attention to the request contained in a letter dated 27 September 1996 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/797) that, in accordance with its previous practice, the Security Council invite the Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine to the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly and Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine to the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly and Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate in accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in that regard.

Upon the first resumption of the meeting, held on 27 September 1996, in response to the request contained in a letter dated 27 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Also at the same meeting, in response to the request contained in a letter dated 27 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/799),

the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Engin A. Ansay, Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations.

Upon the second resumption of the meeting, held on 28 September 1996, the President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/803) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Security Council proceeded to vote on draft resolution S/1996/803, which received 14 votes in favour and none against, with one abstention (United States of America), and was adopted as resolution 1073 (1996) (for the text, see S/RES/1073 (1996); to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1996).

The situation in Afghanistan (see S/1994/20/Add.3, S/1994/20/Add.11, S/1994/20/Add.31, S/1994/20/Add.47, S/1996/15/Add.6 and S/1996/15/Add.14; see also S/19420/Add.44, S/20370/Add.14, S/20370/Add.15, S/20370/Add.16 and S/21100/Add.1)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3699th meeting, held on 28 September 1996, in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

The President stated that, following consultations of the Council, he had been authorized to make a statement on behalf of the Council and read out the text of that statement (for the text, see S/PRST/1996/40; to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1996).